********* SHORT STORY OF THE DAY **********

CHEEDLE'S PAST. Purk to Black and White. die has lately acquired a past. Or of his imagination he has built up a lurid conception of his sinful bachelor self which

frightens bim. The other day I tried to reassure him, quite unsuccessfully,
"My dear Cheedie," I said, "you have
nothing whatever to reproach yourself "Ah! If I could only believe that," he

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THE KANSAS CATY REALTY CO., Tel. 1820. Room No. 5, Bunker bldg. sighed out. "But you know as well as do what sort of a life I used to lead." Hellish!" said be. "I was a devil of a

"Why, we used to call you the saint." "Of course," said he, frowning, "very friendly of you to talk that kind

"But we did," I protested.
"Oh, in Irony, you mean."
"No: in all sincerity. Of course, we didn't let you know. We thought st might "No, my dear Wroughtnight," said he, "let me give you a word in season."

"Thanks, But—as the servant girls say
—I never accept valuable presents from gentlemen."

This young man's craving after an evil reputation is unhealthy in the extreme. You'll repeat of it some day. I was justly irritated, "It seems to me." said I. "that it is you who are doing the

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"Tou know you were a perfect Purltan."

"I don't deceive n.yself, old man."

"You kept your misdeeds pretty dark,
anyhow. Nobody ever found you out in
anything werse than a box at Melochrino's
or a Sunday at Brighton. Of course, you
cometimes left actresses' photographs lying about; but we knew where you bought

'em."

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tographs?"
"Well, you were rather a cub then," I admitted.
"This is a very painful discussion," said 705 WOODLAND AVE.-Large alcove furnshed room, with board. Gariand block. he.
"Oh, don't apologize." I murmured.
He sighed. "Old man, I'd like to see you
give up that sort of thing."
"Which sort of thing?"
"Tou know. The sort of thing I used to 1114 PENN-Large front room nicely fur-nished; modern house; private family, 519 EAST 5TH ST,-Neatly turnished

Tou know. The sort of thing I used to go in for."

"You mean cigarettes and the National Bunday League?"

He sched again. It was a diplomatic evasion. "Marriage." said he, sententiously. "opens a man's eyes. He sees things in a new light. He realizes how wrong certain things are that he once delighted in. To have a tender, trusting woman committed to his daily care..."

"Oh, I say." I exclaimed.

"You don't understand." said he. "You have no responsibilities."

"I have friends." said I. "I don't mind you saying that if you think it smart." he replied with an unconscionable air of long suffering.

"Look here, Cheedle, don't be an age." I shouted.

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I shouted.
"You remember Balaam's ass. Phil?"
"No. I think he must have been before
my time."
In spite of himself, he laughed. At once
the conversation became rational. He was
taking me home to dinner. Within sight
of the house he said:
"I am so gird you get on well with my
wife. Phil, If the subject of my—my past
should ever crop up, he a true friend, won't
you?"

should ever crop up, he a true friend, won't you?"

I promised. And a few days later I redeemed my promise amply. I met Mrs. Cheedle in Piccadilly and she pined for toa. It is not my fault if Mrs. Cheedle thinks that tea in a Piccadilly shop is rather dissipated.
"I am going to scold you, Mr. Wroughtight," she said, "for your good. I think hinks that lea in a Piccadily small stater dissipated.
"I am going to scold you, Mr. Wroughtight," she said, "for your good. I think you are leading a very uselens life."
"It is useful to me." I replied, meekly. "In fact, I don't quite see how I could get on without it."
"You waste so much of your time."
"As time is not of value to me, that is not a great extravagance."
"You keep bad hours."
"Which are the bad hours. Mrs. Chee-ule."

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"Which are the bad hours Mrs. Cheecle."

"As if I knew!" she cried. "You smoke a
great deal, too."

"I confess it."

"You go to music halls."

"You belong to too many clubs."

"But I only frequent the others."

"You know too many people."

"There are too many people, I'm afraid."

"You attend race meetings. You—"

"I certainly begin to believe I am in a
bad way. said I. "I had not thought of it
before. Thank you, Mrs. Cheedie. But you
must not be too hard on me. All men are
not like your hushand, you know."

"Marriage would not alter me," said I,
gloomily.

"It has altered losis."

"It has altered Josie."
"I beg your pardon, Mrs. Cheedle."

mot altered him in the least."
She grew pale. "What do you mean?"
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she gared.
"I know him so well, you see."
She half rose. "You mean to tell me—"
"A saint, Mrs. Cheedle," I cried, earnestly; "an angel in trousers!"
"Don't be absurd." she said, laughing.
"I assure you. Mrs. Cheedle," said I,
"that a more innocent man than your husband does not walk this earth."
Extraordinary as it may appear, she was
greatly annoyed. "Nonsense!" she said,
sharply.

sharply.
"It is true," said I, simply.
"I know better!" she retorted. "There is too much that is evil in Joele, unfortunately." The last word sounded dreadfully like an afterthought. "There is no more vice in him than in a kitten." said I. "He was always like that." "Of course, you are his friend. You would be sure to say so. It is very loyal and nice of you; but I— You can't deceive

Byidently no man is a saint to the wom-an who loves him.
"I have no wish to do so," said I. "There

"I have no wish to do so," said I. "There is no need."
"My dear Mr. Wroughtnight," said she, with thinly velled impatience, "do you honestly maintain that Joste is any better, morally, than the average mann!
'Incalculably better," said I.
"Then you are mistaken."
"Really, I think not. We used to call him the saint."
"The saint. How absurd."
"It was a saying among us, "As innocent as Cheedle."
"Noncense:" she said again, flushing an-

"Nonsense!" she said again, flushing an-rily. "I don't believe it." I bowed and was silent. "All men are more or less alike," said

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she.
I did not reply.
"Aren't they, Mr. Wroughtnight?"
"Everything is as you say, Mrs. Cheedle,"
I said, carefully betraying my annoyance.
"Oh, was I rude? I beg your pardon.
Do be nice, Mr. Wroughtnight."
"You asked my opinion of Joseph Saunders Cheedle. I gave it." said I, "honestly."
"But you may be mistaken, Mr. Wroughtnight."
"Of course," said I. "I admit that. If you don't mind, Mrs. Cheedle, we will change the subject."
She looked at me gloomily for some seconds. I don't think I ever spent a duller her attitude toward me is unbearable latelet. You know that photograph of Lottie's?"

"The one you thought was Lottie's, you mean. The man did you, Cheedle."

"Are you going to drag up that old, stupid argument again? Anyhow, the wife got hold of it. "Who is this? said she. "My cousin—in Australia." I replied. 'In tights? 'said she. 'A fancy costume.' I said. 'Joseph Saunders Cheedle,' said she. are you a milksop or a hypocrite?' I did not like to plunge on either alternative. "What do you mean?' I asked. "Your friends will tell you,' said she. So I came to you."

"She asked me about your past the other day," I mumbled. "And I told her you hadn't got one. You haven't, you know. Photographs at one and six each are not a past."

"I can see you overdid it," he growled. the subject."
She looked at me gloomly for some sec-onds. I don't think I ever spent a duller afternoon. I saw Cheedle a day or two bter. His manner was repelling.
"Good God, man!" he cried, "What have rou been saying to my wife":

"How should I know," I rejoined, stung

DIPLOMATIC.

to exasperation.
"Were you drunk?"
"Of course I was! Why ask?"
"I can see you overdid it," he growled.
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And, after all, perhaps I did.

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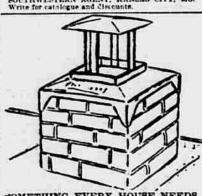
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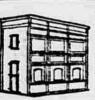
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